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## ABSTRACT

The thesaurus is intended as a preliminary standardization and clarification of terms used to index special education instructional materials throughout the Special Education Instructional Materials Centers/Regional Media Centers (IMC/RMC) Network. The majority of entries are approved descriptors appearing in the selected standard, the Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors. Other entries are identified as terms which are not approved descriptors of the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) thesaurus but which represent concepts necessary to the indexing of instructional materials. Over 400 indexing terms are included. Related terms are cross referenced and selective usage notes are provided. (KW)

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## PREFACE REVISED FIRST EDITION

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*The Thesaurus for Special Education Instructional Materials* represents an attempt to standardize and clarify terms used in indexing procedures throughout the Special Education IMC/RMC Network. The enclosed Thesaurus largely reflects a compilation of listings presently in existence at the University of Texas Special Education Instructional Materials Center at Austin, and the New York Regional Special Education Instructional Materials Center at Albany.

All unmarked terms are approved items which appear in the selected standard, the *Thesaurus of ERIC Descriptors*. Terms preceded by an asterisk represent descriptors which are not ERIC approved, but are necessary concepts to the indexing of instructional materials. Such terms are either to be used as identifiers, or contain information referring the user to an approved related descriptor. Identifiers can be added or removed according to the particular need of the individual SEIMC, and are often used to reflect geographic locations, proper names, tests, and other specific terms. Comparisons of descriptors have been made and, when feasible, Texas and New York terms have been translated into ERIC terms. The *Thesaurus for Special Education Instructional Materials* can be used in conjunction with the *Thesaurus for Exceptional Child Education*, which is a comparable listing of ERIC approved terms especially relevant to professional materials.

The value of any thesaurus rests in its ability to be flexible and to reflect new concepts and changing needs. The *Thesaurus for Special Education Instructional Materials* is not intended as the final, rigid word on index terminology; rather, it is hopefully to serve as the beginning structure for a uniform taxonomy for special education instructional materials. Suggestions of possible additions, deletions, or general improvement are welcomed in written form to the CEC Information Center on Exceptional Children.

We express our appreciation to the staffs at the Texas SEIMC and the New York SEIMC whose interest and efficiency resulted in this thesaurus.

\*ABACUS

\*ACTIVITY BOOKS

ADDITION

ADOLESCENTS - Persons aged 13 to 18 years.

ADULT EDUCATION

\*ADVENTURE

AFFECTIVE BEHAVIOR

AGRICULTURE

ALGEBRA

ALPHABETS

AMERICAN INDIANS

\*ANIMALS

ANTHOLOGIES - See also Bibliographies.

ANTHROPOLOGY

APHASIA

ARABS

\*ARITHMETIC - Use Mathematics.

ART

ART APPRECIATION - See also Sculpture.

ARTICULATION (SPEECH)

\*ARTS AND CRAFTS - Use Handicrafts.

ASSOCIATION (PSYCHOLOGICAL)

ASTRONOMY - See also Solar System.

ATTENTION SPAN

\*AUDIO TAPES - Use Tape Recordings.

AUDIOVISUAL AIDS

AUDITORY PERCEPTION - Use for Auditory Discrimination.

AUDITORY TESTS

AUDITORY TRAINING

AURALLY HANDICAPPED - See also Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

AUTISM

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

BEGINNING READING

BEHAVIOR CHANGE - Use for Behavior Modification.

BEHAVIORAL OBJECTIVES

BIAS

BIBLIOGRAPHIES - See also Anthologies.

BIBLIOTHERAPY

BILINGUALISM - See also Foreign Languages.

BIOGRAPHIES

BIOLOGY

\*BLENDS

BLIND - See also Visually Handicapped.

BODY IMAGE

BOOKS

BOTANY

BRAILLE

BRANCHING - Use in relation to programmed instruction.

BULLETIN BOARDS

BUSINESS EDUCATION	CONCEPT FORMATION
CAMPING	CONSONANTS
CAPITALIZATION (ALPHABETIC)	*CONSTANCY
*CAPTIONED FILMS	CONSUMER EDUCATION
*CARDS	COUNSELING - Use for Guidance.
CATALOGS	CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
CEREBRAL PALSY - See also Physically Handi- capped.	CURRICULUM GUIDES
CHALKBOARDS	CURSIVE WRITING
CHARTS	CUSTODIAL MENTALLY HANDICAPPED - IQ 6-25.
CHEMISTRY	DEAF - See also Aurally Handicapped.
CHINESE AMERICANS	DECIMAL FRACTIONS - See also Fractions.
CITIZENSHIP	DELINQUENCY
*CIVICS - Use Government (Administrative Body).	DEVELOPMENTAL READING
CLASSIFICATION	DICTIONARIES - See also Reference Books.
CLASSROOM DESIGN	*DICTIONARY SKILLS
CLOTHING	*DIGRAPHS
COGNITIVE PROCESSES	*DIPHTHONGS
COLOR	DIRECTORIES
*COLOR KEYED MATERIALS	*DIRECTIONALITY
COMMUNICATION (THOUGHT TRANSFER)	DISADVANTAGED YOUTH
COMPOSITION (LITERARY)	DIVISION
COMPREHENSION	DRAMATICS
*COMPRESSED SPEECH - Use Speech Compression.	DRIVER EDUCATION
*COMPUTATION	DRUG ABUSE
COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION	*DUPLICATING MASTERS - See also Stencils.

DYSLEXIA - See also Learning Disabilities and Reading.

EARLY CHILDHOOD - Use for children aged 2½ to 8 years. See also Preschool Education.

EARTH SCIENCE

ECOLOGY

ECONOMICS

EDUCABLE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED - IQ 50-75.

ELECTRONICS

EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED

ENGLISH

ENCYCLOPEDIAS - See also Reference Books.

ETHNIC GROUPS

EQUIPMENT

EYE HAND COORDINATION

ESKIMOS

FAIRY TALES - See also Mythology and Folk Tales.

FAMILY LIFE

FANTASY

FEEDBACK

FICTION

FIGURE GROUND PERCEPTION - See also Visual Perception.

\*FILM CARTRIDGES

\*FILMS - 8mm.

\*FILMS - 16mm.

\*FILMS - Super 8mm.

\*FILMS - 35mm.

\*FILMS - Color.

\*FILMS - Black and white.

\*FILMS - Sound.

FILMS

FILMSTRIPS

\*FINE MOTOR - See also Perceptual Motor Learning, Sensory Motor Learning, Motor Development, Gross Motor, and Psychomotor Skills.

FINGER SPELLING

\*FLANNEL BOARDS

\*FOLK TALES - See also Mythology and Fairy Tales.

\*FOLLOW DIRECTIONS

\*FOOD MANAGEMENT

\*FOREIGN LANGUAGES - See also Bilingualism.

FRACTIONS - See also Decimal Fractions.

FURNITURE

GAMES

GEOGRAPHY

GEOLOGY

GEOMETRY

GIFTED

\*GLOBES

GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATIVE BODY)

GRADE 1

\*GRADE 1-1

\*GRADE 1-2

GRADE 2

\*GRADE 2-1

\*GRADE 2-2

GRADE 3

\*GRADE 3-1

\*GRADE 3-2

GRADE 4

GRADE 5

GRADE 6

GRADE 7

GRADE 8

GRADE 9

GRADE 10

GRADE 11

GRADE 12

GRAMMAR

GRAPHEMES

GRAPHIC ARTS

\*GROSS MOTOR - See also Perceptual Motor Learning, Sensory Motor Learning, Motor Development, Fine Motor, and Psychomotor Skills.

\*GUIDANCE - Use Counseling.

\*GUSTATORY

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

HANDICRAFTS

HANDWRITING - See also Cursive Writing, Manuscript Writing (Handlettering), and Printing.

HARD OF HEARING - See also Aurally Handicapped.

HEALTH

HIGH INTEREST LOW VOCABULARY BOOKS

\*HIGH SCHOOLS - Use Senior High Schools. See also Secondary Grades.

\*HISTORICAL LITERATURE

HISTORY

\*HOLIDAYS

HOME ECONOMICS - Use for Homemaking Skills.

IMAGERY

INDEPENDENT READING

INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

INITIAL TEACHING ALPHABET

\*INSECTS

\*INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

\*INTEGRATION (COGNITIVE)

INTERMEDIATE GRADES - Grades 4, 5, and 6.

JEWS

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - Grades 7, 8, and 9. See also Secondary Grades.

JOB ANALYSIS - See also Occupations and Vocational Education.

KINDERGARTEN - See also Early Childhood and Preschool Education.

KINESTHETIC PERCEPTION - Sense perception of movement, weight, resistance, and position.



**\*KITS**

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT**

**LANGUAGE HANDICAPPED**

**LARGE TYPE MATERIALS**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**LEARNING DISABILITIES** - Distinguished by sharp imbalance within the student's cognitive development and a marked underachievement.

**LEFT HANDED WRITER**

**LIGHT**

**LINEAR PROGRAMING**

**LINGUISTICS**

**LIPREADING** - Use for Speech Reading and Visual Speech.

**LISTENING**

**LITERATURE** - See also Fiction, Nonfiction, Science Fiction, Poetry, Folk Tales, Fairy Tales, Mythology, Mystery Stories, Adventure, Biographies, Autobiographies, and Historical Literature.

**LOGICAL THINKING** - Use for Deduction, Induction, Classification, Analysis, Synthesis and Reasoning.

**MAGNETS**

**MANIPULATIVE MATERIALS**

**MANUALS** - See also Teaching Guides.

**MANUSCRIPT WRITING (HANDLETTERING)** - Handwriting based on adaptations of the printed letter forms. Use for Printscript.

**MAPS**

**MARKETING** - See also Consumer Education.

**MATHEMATICS** - Use for Arithmetic. See also Addition, Subtraction, Division, Multiplication, Numbers, Modern Mathematics, Algebra, Fractions, Geometry, Set Theory, Practical Mathematics, Decimal Fractions, Computation, and Place Value.

**MEASUREMENT**

**MECHANICS (PROCESS)**

**MEMORY**

**MENTAL HEALTH**

**MENTALLY HANDICAPPED** - See also Educable Mentally Handicapped, Trainable Mentally Handicapped, and Custodial Mentally Handicapped.

**MEXICAN AMERICANS**

**MICROFICHE**

**MINIMALLY BRAIN INJURED** - See also Learning Disabilities.

**MOBILITY** - Use only for physical mobility in relation to the handicapped.

**MODERN MATHEMATICS**

**MONEY MANAGEMENT**

**MONGOLISM**

**MORPHEMES**

**MOTOR DEVELOPMENT** - See also Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Sensory Motor Learning, Perceptual Motor Learning, and Psychomotor Skills.

**\*MULTI-LEVEL**

**MULTIPLICATION**

**MULTIPLY HANDICAPPED**

**MULTISENSORY LEARNING**

MUSIC - See also Instrumental Music, Songs, Rhythms, and Rhythm Band.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - See also Recorders.

\*MYSTERY STORIES

MYTHOLOGY - See also Folk Tales and Fairy Tales.

NEGROES

NONFICTION

NONGRADED SYSTEM

NUMBERS

NUTRITION

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY - Use for Work Therapy.

OCCUPATIONS - See also Job Analysis and Vocational Education.

\*OLFACTORY

ORAL EXPRESSION

\*ORTHOPEDICALLY HANDICAPPED - Use Physically Handicapped.

ORIENTATION - Use only in relation to Visually Handicapped.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

PARENT EDUCATION

PARTIALLY SIGHTED - See also Visually Handicapped.

\*PARTS OF SPEECH

PERCEPTUAL MOTOR LEARNING - See also Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Sensory Motor Learning, Psychomotor Skills, and Motor Development.

PERCEPTION - See also Auditory Perception, Kinesthetic Perception, Visual Perception, and Tactual Perception.

PERIODICALS

PERSONAL ADJUSTMENT

PHILOSOPHY

PHONICS

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED - Use for Orthopedically Handicapped.

PHYSICS

\*PICTURES

\*PIONEERS

\*PLACE VALUE

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES

POETRY

PRACTICAL MATHEMATICS

\*PREJUDICE - Use Bias.

\*PREPRIMERS

\*PREREADINESS

PRESCHOOL EDUCATION - See also Early Childhood.

PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION

PRIMARY GRADES - Grades 1,2, and 3.

\*PRIMERS

PRINTING

PROBLEM SOLVING

PROGRAMED INSTRUCTION

PROJECTION EQUIPMENT

PROSTHESES

\*PROTECTIVE VOCABULARY

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYCHOMOTOR SKILLS - See also Gross Motor, Fine Motor, Motor Development, Perceptual Motor Learning, and Sensory Motor Learning.

PUERTO RICANS

PUNCTUATION

\*PUPPETS

PUZZLES

READINESS

READING - See also Dyslexia, Beginning Reading, Developmental Reading, Independent Reading, and Supplementary Reading Materials.

REALIA

\*RECORDERS - Use only in relation to the musical instrument.

RECREATION

REFERENCE BOOKS - See also Dictionaries and Encyclopedias.

REHABILITATION

RELIGION

REMEDIAL INSTRUCTION

ROLE PLAYING

\*RHYTHMS

\*RHYTHM BAND

SAFETY

SCIENCES - See also Biology, Chemistry, Botany, Social Sciences, Physics, Astronomy, Geology, Earth Science, Ecology, Anthropology.

SCIENCE FICTION

\*SCREENS

SCREENING TESTS

SCULPTURE

SECONDARY GRADES - Grades 7 through 12. See also Junior High Schools and Senior High Schools.

SELF CARE SKILLS

SELF CONCEPT

SELF EVALUATION

SELF HELP PROGRAMS

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS - Grades 10, 11, and 12. See also Secondary Grades.

SENSORY MOTOR LEARNING - See also Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Motor Development, Perceptual Motor Learning, and Psychomotor Skills.

SEQUENTIAL LEARNING

\*SERIES

SERVICES

SET THEORY

SEX EDUCATION

SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

SIGHT VOCABULARY

SKILLS

SLIDES

SLOW LEARNERS

SMOKING

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

SOCIAL SCIENCES

*SOCIAL SKILLS	TACTUAL PERCEPTION
SOCIAL STUDIES	TALKING BOOKS
*SOLAR SYSTEM - See also Astronomy.	*TAPE CASSETTES
*SONGS	TAPE RECORDERS
*SOUND	TAPE RECORDINGS - See also Video Tape Recordings.
SPACE	TEACHER DEVELOPED MATERIALS
SPACE ORIENTATION	TEACHING GUIDES - Use for teacher editions and teacher manuals.
SPECIAL HEALTH PROBLEMS	TECHNOLOGY
SPEECH COMPRESSION	TESTS - See also Screening Tests, Auditory Tests, Student Evaluation, and Self Evaluation.
SPEECH HANDICAPPED - See also Stuttering.	TEXTBOOKS
SPEECH THERAPY	TEXTILES INSTRUCTION
SPELLING	*THOUGHT PROCESSES - Use Logical Thinking.
*SPORTS	THREE DIMENSIONAL AIDS
*STENCILS - See also Duplicating Masters.	TIME
*STORY CARDS	TIME PERSPECTIVE
STORY TELLING	TOYS
STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS	TRACKING
STUDENT EVALUATION - Use for evaluation of the student by the teacher.	TRAINABLE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED - IQ 25-50.
STUDY SKILLS	TRANSPORTATION
*STUDY PRINTS	*TRANSITION
STUTTERING - See also Speech Handicapped.	TRANSPARENCIES
SUBTRACTION	TRAVEL
SUPPLEMENTARY READING MATERIALS	TYPEWRITING
SYLLABLES	UNDERACHIEVERS
SYNTAX	VALUES

**VIDEO TAPE RECORDINGS** - See also Tape Recordings.

**VISION TESTS**

**VISUAL PERCEPTION** - Use for Visual Discrimination. See also Figure Ground Perception.

**VISUALLY HANDICAPPED** - See also Blind and Partially Sighted.

**VOCABULARY** - See also Sight Vocabulary and Protective Vocabulary.

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** - See also Job Analysis, Occupations, and Prevocational Education.

**VOWELS**

**\*WEATHER**

**WORD RECOGNITION**

**WORK STUDY PROGRAMS**

**WORKSHEETS**

**WORKBOOKS**

**\*WORK THERAPY** - Use Occupational Therapy.

**WRITTEN LANGUAGE**